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AGLOW INTERNATIONAL STILL SHINING BRIGHT AFTER 40 YEARS: Worldwide Women's Group Celebrates Rich History and Radiant Future

SEATTLE, August 28, 2007 – Aglow International, one of the world's largest global Christian organizations, is observing its 40th year of ministry. Throughout the year, about 200,000 Aglow women will celebrate at commemorative events worldwide, and more than 6,000 from 100 nations will attend the international conference Sept. 20-23 in the organization's founding city, Seattle.

"Aglow women are people of prayer and action," said Aglow President Jane Hansen. "We are committed to helping our neighbors and influencing our world as Jesus did."

HISTORY

What began in 1967 as four women desiring to meet together as Christians across denominational boundaries has grown into a worldwide network of women who pray, teach and reach out to their communities – serving an estimated 17 million people each year. Today, 21,000 Aglow leaders head up 4,700 indigenous groups in 170 countries, including some that are traditionally closed to Christianity. The groups are formed by women in the same community, neighborhood or workplace who meet together and focus on fulfilling Aglow's three mandates: Male / Female Reconciliation, Teaching about Islam and Supporting Israel.

RECONCILIATION BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN

Since 1981, Aglow has labored to reunite the sexes under God's purposes found in Genesis. Aglow believes the restoration of male and female together is necessary for the Church to be fully restored and fulfill its destiny.

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Aglow 40th Anniversary

MUSLIM OUTREACH

In 1991, ten years prior to Sept. 11, Aglow first began to focus on worldwide prayer for Muslims. Today, Aglow offers regular seminars to educate the Church about the tenets of Islam while also implementing outreach programs to help Muslims, especially Muslim women who are often subjected to the worst kinds of human rights abuses. Moreover, Aglow helps distribute TV programs in Arabic geared to Muslim women, which are aired via satellite throughout Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and the U.S.

Today, hundreds of women meet in Aglow affiliate groups in 36 Muslim nations, many of whom must meet in secret and risk prison or death.

SUPPORTING ISRAEL

In 2000, Aglow publicly and corporately began supporting the nation of Israel and the Jewish people. Since then, Aglow, has led annual tours to the Holy Land including this year where Hansen lead Aglow's seventh journey. Just as Aglow celebrates 40 years in existence, the nation of Israel celebrates 40 years since the reunification of Jerusalem under Jewish control. A highlight of this trip for Hansen was to speak at the first Knesset Christian Allies Caucus Women's Summit, of which she is a council member, May 20-21 in Jerusalem.

"We see this opportunity as a chance to bridge a gap between Jews and Christians," said Hansen. "Through seeing the land firsthand and getting to know the people of Israel, we will know how to support them as they continue to face political and social crises."

WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE

Every other year, international Aglow women gather for fellowship, worship and training. In honor of the 40th anniversary, this year's conference, with the theme "A Voice. Not an Echo," will be held Sept. 20-23 in Seattle. Along with Hansen, speakers will include: Che Ahn, president of Harvest International Ministry; Lou Engle, founder of the Justice House of Prayer; Robert Stearns, founder of Eagles' Wings; Barbara Yoder, senior pastor of Shekinah Christian Church; and Dr. Chuck Pierce, president of Glory of Zion International Ministries.

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THE FUTURE OF AGLOW

Aglow is launching a new series of two-day seminars on Israel from a global/historical perspective called “Watchmen on the Wall,” designed to create awareness of the plight of Israel as well as ambassadors who can teach about Israel in the public arena. The seminars will be held in selected cities in the U.S., including one in Seattle immediately following Aglow’s Worldwide Conference Sept. 23-24.

Every day across the world, thousands of Aglow women are actively involved in works of compassion, empowerment, and training as part of their outreach efforts. As a result, Aglow has recently incorporated a subsidiary of Aglow International for relief and humanitarian purposes. Aglow is finalizing their application for 501(c)(3) status with the federal government for the relief initiative, which will give international Aglow leaders entrée to funding sources in their respective nations.

“For a charity interested in applying for funding for projects that assist women in emerging world nations, it is important to be recognized as a non-governmental organization,” said Hansen. “This ‘good housekeeping seal of approval’ will give Aglow the chance to serve even more people around the world.”

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Aglow International is a one of the largest international women’s organizations in the world, with more than 200,000 women involved in over 4,600 fellowship groups and outreach in 170 nations. Each year, Aglow ministers to an estimated 17 million people through prayer, evangelism, and works of compassion. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the organization. Learn more at www.aglow.org.